

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND SANITATION
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 6

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON WATER AND SANITATION**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council was held on **Monday, May 14, 2012** at **6:43 p.m.**, following other scheduled committee meetings in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

PRESENT: Mr. Robert O. Call, Jr., Chairman, Council District No. 3; Committee Members: Mr. Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1, Mrs. Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4, Mr. Jack H. Schurlknight, Council District No. 6, Mr. Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8; ex-officios: Mr. Daniel W. Davis, County Supervisor, Mr. Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2, Mr. Dennis Fish, Council District No. 5, and Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; Mrs. Elizabeth Cannon, Assistant County Attorney; and Mrs. Patricia R. Dennis, County Council Office.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman Call: "I'd like to call the Committee on Water and Sanitation to order. Mrs. Dennis, has this meeting been properly noticed?"

Mrs. Dennis: "Yes Mr. Chairman, this meeting does meet the requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act."

Chairman Call: "Thank you, Mrs. Dennis. First, on the agenda is..."

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Committee Member S. Davis: "Move for approval."

Chairman Call: "Do I have a motion?"

Committee Member S. Davis: "I move for approval."

Chairman Call: "I heard a motion to approve."

Committee Member C. Davis: "Second."

Chairman Call: "I have a second. Is there any correction or additions to be made to these minutes? (No Response) Hearing none, all in favor say Aye? (Ayes) All opposed, Nay? (No Response). The motion carries."

It was moved by Committee Member S. Davis and seconded by Committee Member C. Davis to **approve** the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Call: "Next we have..."

Mr. Mark Schlievert, BCWS Director of Solid Waste, Re:

1. Waste Collection Services for Berkeley County Franchise and Sangaree Special Tax District

Mr. Schlievert: "Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, good evening."

Council Member Pinckney: "Good evening."

Mr. Schlievert: "Current contract is with Waste Industries which is over the 30th of June. Waste Industries has also pulled out of the area since this offer bid. We had an evaluation on the 25th of April as well as, the 30th of April. In both cases, for Sangaree Special Tax District and the franchise recycling, we recommend Fennell Container for our residents in these areas. The special, Sangaree Special Tax District, is \$42,079.30 per month and that's paid from the tax community itself and for the residents for trash service is \$21.30 per quarter, \$7.50 per quarter for recycling services. The recycling services does include, we've expanded into Hanahan, Goose Creek, Daniel Island, all at the request. We've offered it to Moncks Corner and they're still trying to figure that out. Their current contract doesn't end until September. And this is a reduced rate. Currently, for trash services, its \$28.81 per quarter and recycling is \$9.35. So, it's a reduced, just for trash service by \$7.51 and recycling by \$1.75."

Council Member Callanan: "Mr. Chairman....Oh, I'm sorry. Do you want to ... If you want to do a motion and second then ask for discussion?"

Chairman Call: (Inaudible)

Committee Member S. Davis: "I move for approval."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Second for discussion."

Council Member Callanan: "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Call: "Mr. Callanan?"

Council Member Callanan: "Yeah, I was actually kind of surprised by the differences in bids here. It's pretty shocking and I actually called someone up on it and they question whether they can even make any money off of prices this low. I think the County did very well on it. The question I had is with regards to recycling. You mentioned Daniel Island; does that include the subdivisions off of Clements Ferry Road or just Daniel Island?"

Mr. Schlievert: "It's everybody that's in the limits. I had spoken to Mr. Bailey."

Council Member Callanan: "Yeah, wait...oh, Jimmy Bailey?"

Mr. Schlievert: "Yeah, Jamie Bailey, about what's all included and everything that's covered in the homeowner's association and I don't have a clear definition of that."

Council Member Callanan: "Ok."

Mr. Schlievert: "Or an area, but everything is included that's in those locations out there."

Council Member Callanan: "But, and that's kind of a Daniel Island Subdivision."

Mr. Schlievert: "Right."

Council Member Callanan: "But there are some large subdivisions off of Clements Ferry Road. I didn't know whether you could look into seeing whether they'd be willing to do this out there. They'd be servicing the areas like Nellifield and Beresford Commons as well and these kind of lie in between."

Mr. Schlievert: "I can't really speak for Fennell Container, but I'd be willing to bet they'd be open to that because a lot of their recycling equipment is not fully utilized and if they can get more in that and their goal, in order to make it work, is they have asked that if it's over 25% participation rate across the board; if there couldn't be some negotiations for some sort of property sharing with them. So, they're motivation is more is better for them. So, if they can get on that and negotiate some sort of revenue from us because we make money on this by recycling it so it's their advantage to get more."

Council Member Callanan: "Ok."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Call: "Mr. Schurlknight?"

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Mark, and I'll agree with Council Member Callanan that is a real good price. My concern is the Customer Service side of it; the Reliability. I know over the past I'd gotten a number of calls about them not picking up the trash out of Fairlawn Barony, one place. Have you received any kind of complaints about that? If so, are they doing better?"

Mr. Schlievert: "Currently, Waste Industries is I know they're a laying duck syndrome. They have no future here so, I'm sure their commitment is lacking a little bit. There is a concern in the past, for some of you that's been around here with Fennell Container, is associated with

Republic Services and also has Suburban. I don't know, if y'all remember back seven, eight, plus years ago we had some issues with Suburban, who is part of this whole group and that was a big concern of mine and I specifically asked. What did Republic do to improve their customer service, so that we don't fall into a lot of complaints like we had in the past? And, they assured me that they've restructured in the fact that they have basically done away with Suburban. I know they're still running around in Moncks Corner with Suburban trucks because they have that contract, but the company itself is incorporated into Fennell Container and the management of the entire outfit is run out of Fennell Container now. Whereas, before there's two separate and the upper management didn't necessarily know what Suburban is doing. So, that was a big concern of mine and I asked some tough questions and got assurance that they'd cleaned up their stuff."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Mark, just to make sure I'm not confused. We're looking at just renewing the existing company that we've been using all along to pick up trash."

Mr. Schlievert: "No, that's Waste Industries, currently has that contract, and they're going. They've pulled out, and they're not even going to be around here effective the 30th of June."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Ok, so my question is irrelevant then because, Fennell didn't have anything to do with it a year or two ago?"

Mr. Schlievert: "No."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Ok, thank you."

Committee Member C. Davis: "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Call: "Ms. Davis."

Committee Member C. Davis: "Mr. Schlievert, can you repeat those two reduction amounts that you said that it's a \$1.75 or something..."

Mr. Schlievert: "\$1.75 per quarter for recycling and \$7.51 for trash service alone per quarter."

Committee Member C. Davis: "Is that Berkeley County and Sangaree Special Tax District?"

Mr. Schlievert: "That's just for the Franchise Area and that's a selected portion of Berkeley County, and I can provide you a map of where that is if you would like. But, it doesn't cover all of Berkeley County, some of the Municipalities like Goose Creek handle their own waste services. But, we are offering recycling to Goose Creek, Hanahan, the Daniel Island Community and we're still waiting on Moncks Corner."

Committee Member C. Davis: "Ok."

Council Member Callanan: "Yeah, I was just going to mention, you had mentioned Suburban. They've been covering Daniel Island for years for the City of Charleston and they do a fantastic job, so we've had no complaints from them."

Mr. Schlievert: "Yeah, they're very structured so yeah, they're a pretty good outfit."

Chairman Call: "Any other questions or comments? (No Response)I've got a motion and a second. I'll call for the vote. All in favor say Aye? (Ayes) All opposed, Nay? (No Response). The Ayes have it."

It was moved by Committee Member S. Davis and Committee Member Schurlknight to award the contracts for waste collection services for the Berkeley County Franchise Area and Sangaree Special Tax District to Fennell Container at the cost of \$42,079.30/month for Sangaree and \$21.30/quarter for trash services and \$7.50/quarter for recycling services. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Call: "Next on the agenda is..."

2. Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Mr. Schlievert: "Periodically, we need to update our Solid Waste Master Plan. We haven't done it since 2008 and we have just a few changes. But, DHEC requires that you have ways of handling certain things and the changes, and I know you probably haven't had a chance to read through this whole thing. The changes are the fact that tires have to be designated because they're DOT, and some place in Berkeley County, we have to take them at no cost. We get reimbursed from the State on that through a tax...they've got to fill out a tax form and then bring that tax form to Berkeley County proof that they are DOT and we can get funds back on that. But, the deal is that we can't have a tipping fee. Rubber Republic Incorporated was our designated. They've gone out of business. The new company down there is changing hands. I've talked with them several times. They are going to require a tipping fee to make it so therefore, by default we're going to name the Landfill as Berkeley County's designated tire drop-off site. We've got to do something like that. Every county is required to do that. That's one change and then we needed to address how we're going to handle EScrap and the fact that we're collecting it at Berkeley County at no costs to the residents and we had to designate that. The other thing is that we've done some Green Energy initiatives as you know, and we've got a company named McGill who's going to handle our composting facility. We needed some sort of back-up area, in case everything fails. The composting site is going to be taken over by a building and we really can't use that. Our C&D Class II Landfill is being limited on the amount of airspace it currently has, so long term we needed to do something with that. I've looked at expanding out into the other areas in the landfill but that has an old trench landfill underneath it. Back in the old days, you could just put C&D on top of it. They don't allow that anymore. They'll allow an elaborate liner system to do that and if you do that you might as well have a Class III MSW Subtitle E

Landfill. That's the extent of it. And, they're moving more and more towards that any way of putting most of the C&D material into the MSW or Class III Landfill. Just the regulations and soon it's going to be that nobody is going to have an unlined landfill. Whether it's C&D, or anything; so, there isn't much work into requesting a Class I. It's a design drawing and a letter submitted to DHEC and that's about the extent of it. So, I've indicated that we would like to pursue or have the option to pursue a Class I Landfill and that's primarily to handle yard debris in the event that McGill fails. Also, it's a place that we can put the Class A sludge as a bi-product of bio-energy and those were a summation of the changes. Everything else is the same."

Committee Member S. Davis: "I was just looking through and Mr. Chairman, we don't have a Class I Landfill."

Mr. Schlievert: "We currently don't have a Class I but the plans are, is to get one and that's what I'm indicating that we would like to put one in."

Committee Member Farley: "Is it imperative that we pass this tonight? Can we hold off a month on this?"

Mr. Schlievert: "Sure, there's no real pressure to get it done other than it would be, it would at least make me feel better to get a Class I Landfill application in the works as soon as we can just as a safety valve. There's no, there's nothing that says we've got to turn this in at any given time."

Committee Member Farley: "I just wanted a couple weeks to look it over."

Committee Member S. Davis: "My point is though, is this going to be approved by full Council once it comes out of Committee, right?"

Mr. Schlievert: "This is passed through a resolution."

Committee Member S. Davis: "But it still has to come before County Council."

Mr. Schlievert: "Right, it'd still have to come through."

Committee Member S. Davis: "So, if we pass it at our Committee tonight, he'll still probably have some extended time Mr. Farley, for you to review it more thoroughly before it comes up for resolution. And, I just say that in essence of this Class I Landfill application, he said we need to proceed with this as a back-up with McGill. You have any problem with that?"

Committee Member Farley: "No problem with that."

Committee Member S. Davis: "Ok."

Chairman Call: "So?"

Committee Member S. Davis: "Move for approval."

Committee Member Farley: "I'll probably go ahead and start working on it."

Committee Member S. Davis: "That's what I'm saying."

Committee Member Farley: (Inaudible)

Chairman Call: "I have a motion. Do I have a second?"

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Second."

Chairman Call: "Second from Mr. Schurlknight. Any further discussions? (No Response) All in favor say Aye? (Ayes) Opposed Nay? (No Response). The Ayes have it with the necessary motions are in order. "

It was moved by Committee Member S. Davis and Committee Member Schurlknight to **approve** the Solid Waste Management Plan Update of March 19, 2012. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Mr. Schlievert: "Thank you."

Committee Member S. Davis: "Move for adjournment."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Second."

It was moved by Committee Member S. Davis and Committee Member Schurlknight to **adjourn** the Committee Meeting on Water and Sanitation. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The Committee Meeting of Water and Sanitation ended at 6:59 p.m.

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AGENDA

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- 2.** Solid Waste Management Plan Update

May 9, 2012
S/Patricia R. Dennis
Catherine R. Windham
Interim Clerk of County Council